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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding an amino acid sequence ^{comprising} of SEQ ID NO:10 or having at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO:10 wherein said amino acid sequence is characterized by the ability to induce ^Sapoptosis.

7. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising ~~a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 or capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:9 under moderate stringency conditions wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7 6, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence ^{comprising} of SEQ ID NO: 10. ~~which further encodes an amino acid sequence corresponding to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or having at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO:10.~~

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7 6, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least about 89% or greater identity to SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein said amino acid sequence is characterized by the ability to induce ^Sapoptosis ~~comprising SEQ ID NO:9.~~

10. - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising ~~an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or a sequence having at least about 89% identity to SEQ ID NO:10~~ wherein said polypeptide is characterized by the ability to induce ^Sapoptosis.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide according to claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10 ~~encoded by a nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO:9 under moderate stringency conditions.~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated polypeptide according to claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence ^{comprising} of at least about 89% identity to

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~~SEQ ID NO 10, wherein said polypeptide is characterized by the ability to induce apoptosis~~^S
~~further comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 or a sequence having at least about~~
~~89% identity to SEQ ID NO:10.~~

18.- 61. (Cancelled)